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NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN SENTENCED IN BANK ROBBERIES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser, Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, Exeter Police Chief Richard Kane, and North Hampton Police Chief Brian P. Page today announced that Boden Hughes, 26, of Kittery, Maine, was sentenced to 57 months in prison for two bank robberies and for aiding and abetting a third bank robbery. The court recommended that Hughes participate in the federal Bureau of Prisons intensive drug treatment program during his incarceration.

Hughes was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release after his release from incarceration. During supervised release, Hughes' behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Probation Office. Hughes was also ordered to pay a total of \$23,113.00 in restitution to the banks.

Hughes was charged with the January 25, 2004, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 1500 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the February 23, 2004, robbery of the Fleet Bank, Portsmouth Avenue in Exeter, and with aiding and abetting Peter Robbins in the March 3, 2004, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 46 Lafayette Road in North Hampton, New Hampshire. All of the robberies were committed by the use of a demand note handed to a bank teller. Peter Robbins is scheduled to be sentenced in the United States District Court on September 1, 2004.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This case demonstrates the far reaching impact that drug abuse has in our society. This defendant robbed two banks and assisted in a third bank robbery in order to obtain the cash necessary to support his drug addiction. My office will continue to dedicate its resources to assist federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in fighting the threat of drugs and the collateral crimes that occur because of that threat."

This case is being prosecuted by Criminal Division Chief Don Feith.